ICAR funded programmes in Gujarat

*171. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/programmes of agricultural and technological universities, funded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Union Government in Gujarat;

(b) the details of funds allocated during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any mechanism for evaluating the achievements; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) All India Co-ordinated Research Projects, National Agriculture Technology Projects, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Development and Strengthening of State Agricultural University are the schemes/programmes implemented by Gujarat Agriculture University, funded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Union Government of Gujarat.

(b) The Funds allocated during the last three years *i.e.* 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-02 are Rs. 674.80, Rs. 1864.17 and Rs. 1231.83 lacs respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a well established mechanism of evaluating the implementation and achievements of research programmes annually as well as five yearly. Research Programmes finalized in the All India Annual Meetings/ Workshop are monitored for their proper implementation by the monitoring Teams constituted by the concerned Project Director/Co-ordinator. In addition, the performance and the relevance of projects are reviewed every 5th year by the specially commissioned Quinquennial Review Teams (QRT) for each project.

(d) Recommendations of Quinquennial Review Teams are put up in the Governing Body of the Council and after approval by the Governing Body, recommendations are implemented.

Summer special trains

†*172. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of summer special trains introduced during the last three years, indicating the regions where these had been introduced, earnings made therefrom and the number of those made regular due to their making profits;

(b) whether Government have considered linking all the places of pilgrimage in the country; and

†Orignal notice of the question was received in Hindi.